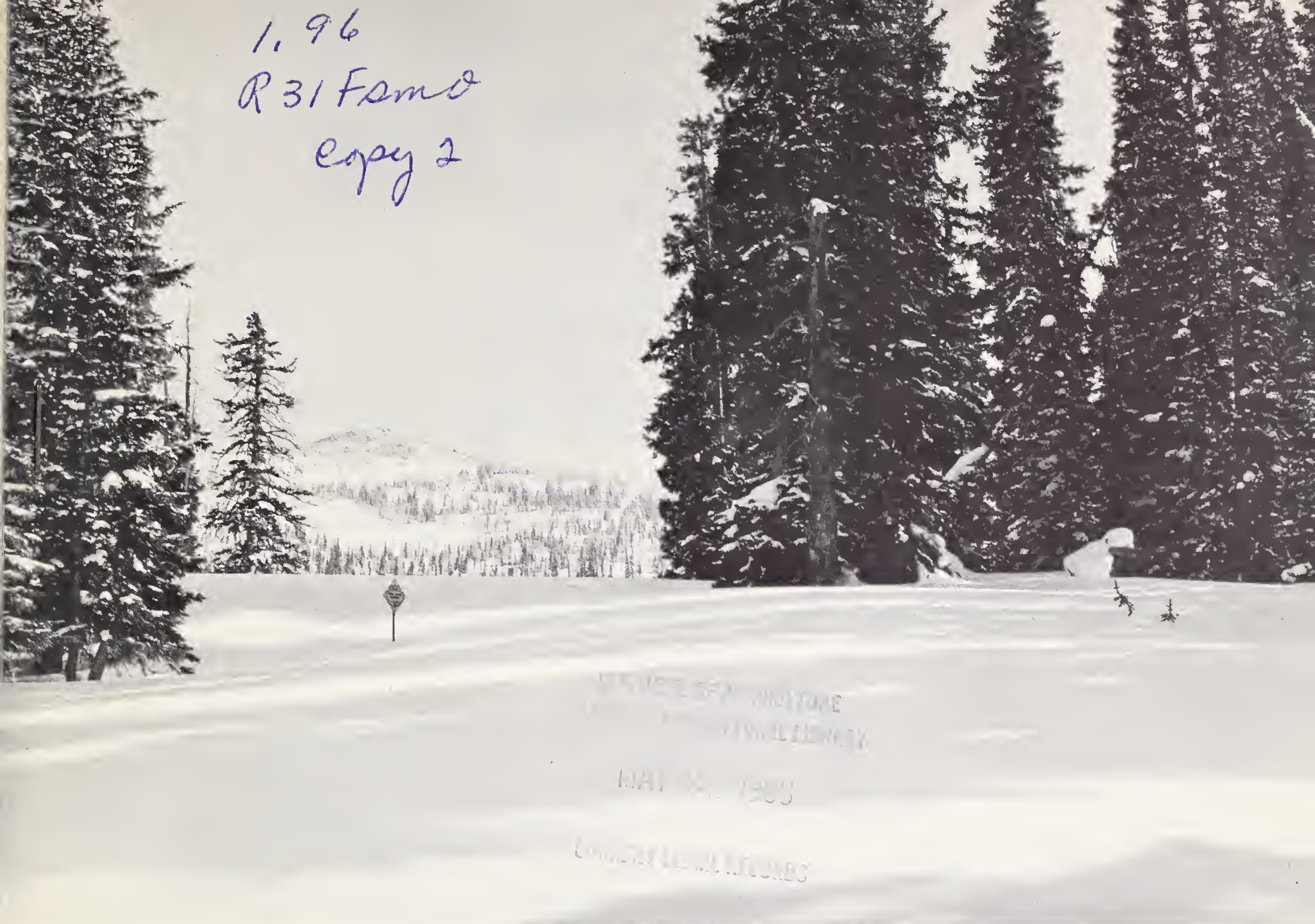


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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR MONTANA

and
FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE--SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,
and
MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

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AS OF
MAY 1, 1968

TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season as they affect runoff will add to be an effective average. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1400 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. In the near future, it is anticipated that automatic snow water equivalent sensing devices along with radio telemetry will provide a continuous record of snow water equivalent at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data or reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Western Regional Technical Service Center, Room 507, 701 N. W. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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MONTANA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
May 1, 1968

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* High elevation snow pack increased in water content *
* during April. Melt continued at lower elevations. *
* Streamflow during April was generally below average. *
* Forecasts of streamflow for the next five months *
* are slightly higher, percentagewise, than those *
* issued last month for the April-September period. *
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Columbia River Basin

Snow - Water content increased at high elevation snow courses and decreased at low elevation courses during April. Snow pack over Columbia drainages is 60 to 70 percent of last year and 90 to 95 percent average. Snow pack is above average on some of the upper Clark Fork tributaries. There was some improvement in the Kootenai snow pack, particularly in the northern portion, due to reduced melt and an increase during the month.

Streamflow - Runoff during April was well below average. May through September runoff is forecast less than last year in all drainages except for streams in the upper Clark Fork where streamflow is expected to be about the same as last year.

May-September forecasts are generally 70 to 80 percent average in the Kootenai drainage, 75 to 90 percent in the Flathead area, 90 to 110 percent in the Clark Fork drainage above Missoula and the Bitterroot drainage, and 70 to 80 percent in the Clark Fork drainage downstream from Missoula.

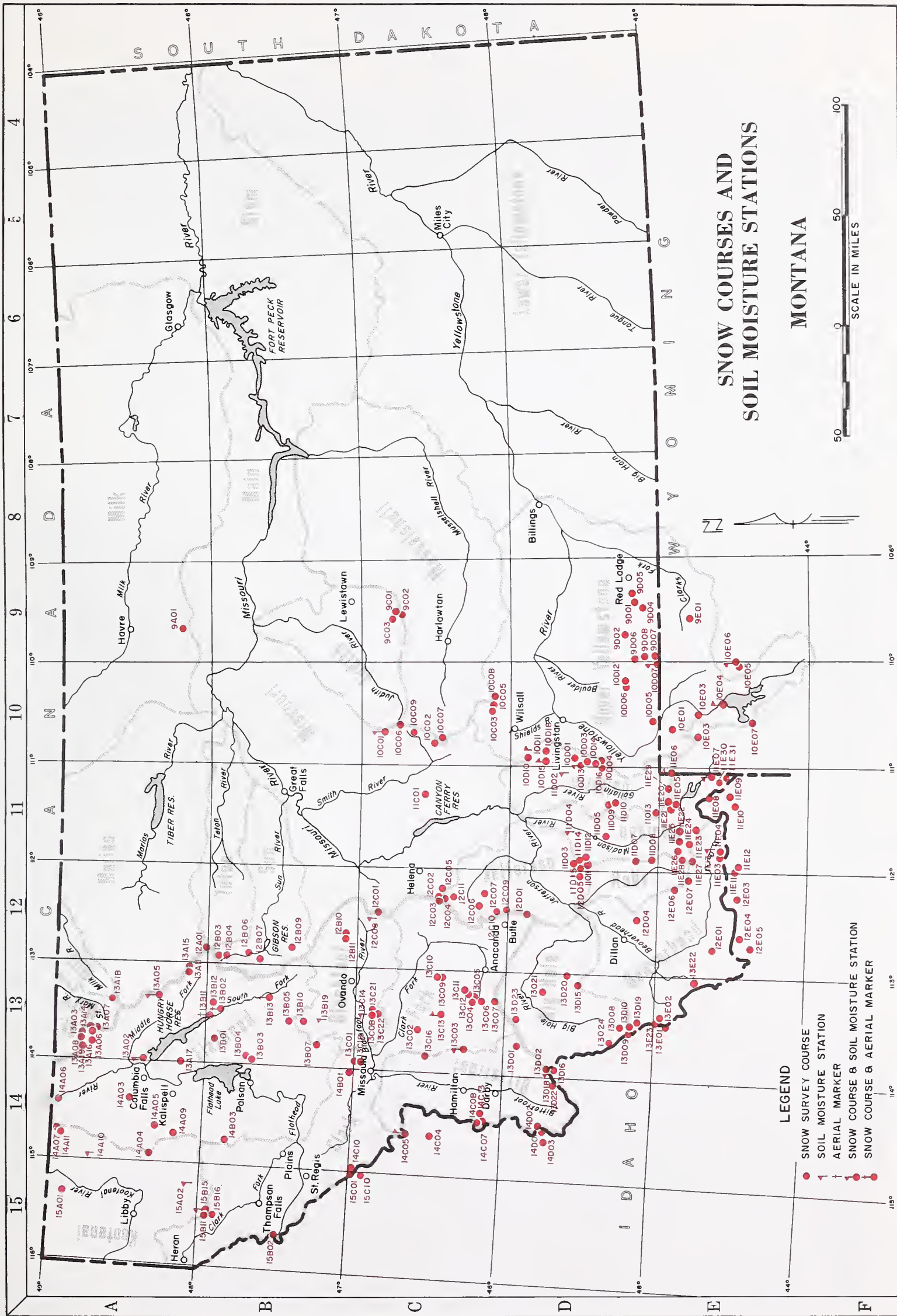
Late season irrigation supplies on unregulated streams are expected to be near average on the upper Clark Fork and a little below average on the Bitterroot and Blackfoot drainages. Other areas can expect deficient late season supplies.

Missouri River Basin

Snow - During April there was a moderate increase in water content at higher elevations and a decrease in melt at lower elevations. As a result, current snow pack is above average in most areas. Exceptions are drainages north of the Dearborn where snow is about one-half of last year and 70 to 80 percent average. High elevation snow courses in the vicinity of Bozeman in the Gallatin drainage have record high May 1 water contents. Some of the records began in 1934. In all drainages except those in the northwest and Gallatin, snow pack is 70 to 80 percent of last year and 120 to 130 percent average. Over the Gallatin drainage, snow pack is about the same as last year and 144 percent average.

Streamflow - April streamflow was generally below average from snow fed streams. Forecasts for the next five months are generally 10 to 20 percent above average in the Yellowstone, Jefferson and Madison River drainages. Forecasts are 70 to 80 percent average in the Sun, Teton, and Marias drainages, 90 percent in the St. Mary and Dearborn drainages. Streams in central Montana and the Gallatin area are forecast 130 to 170 percent average.

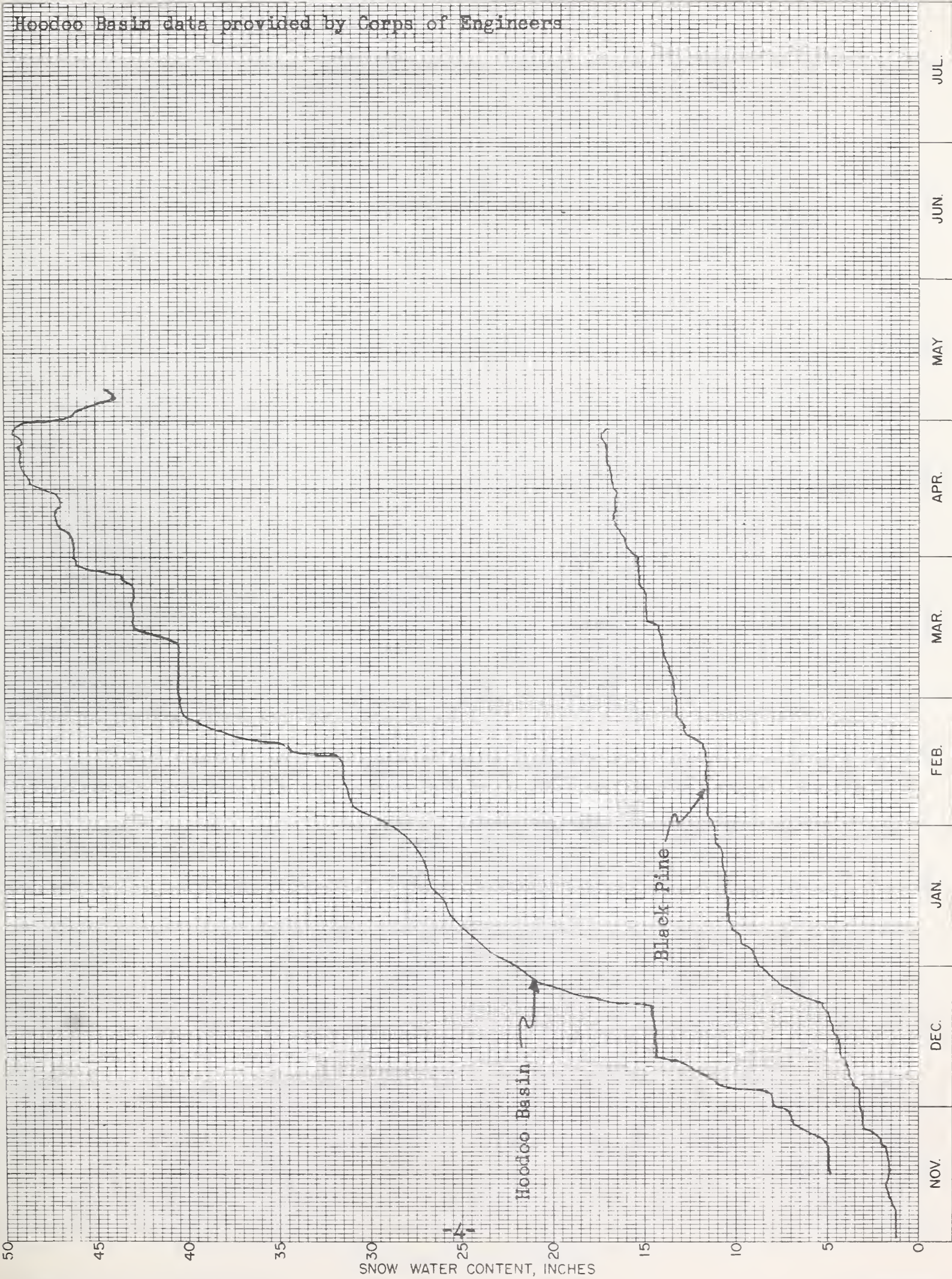
Late season irrigation supplies on unregulated streams are expected to be near average in southwestern Montana, below in northwestern drainages and above average elsewhere.



SNOW PILLOW DATA
WATER YEAR 1968

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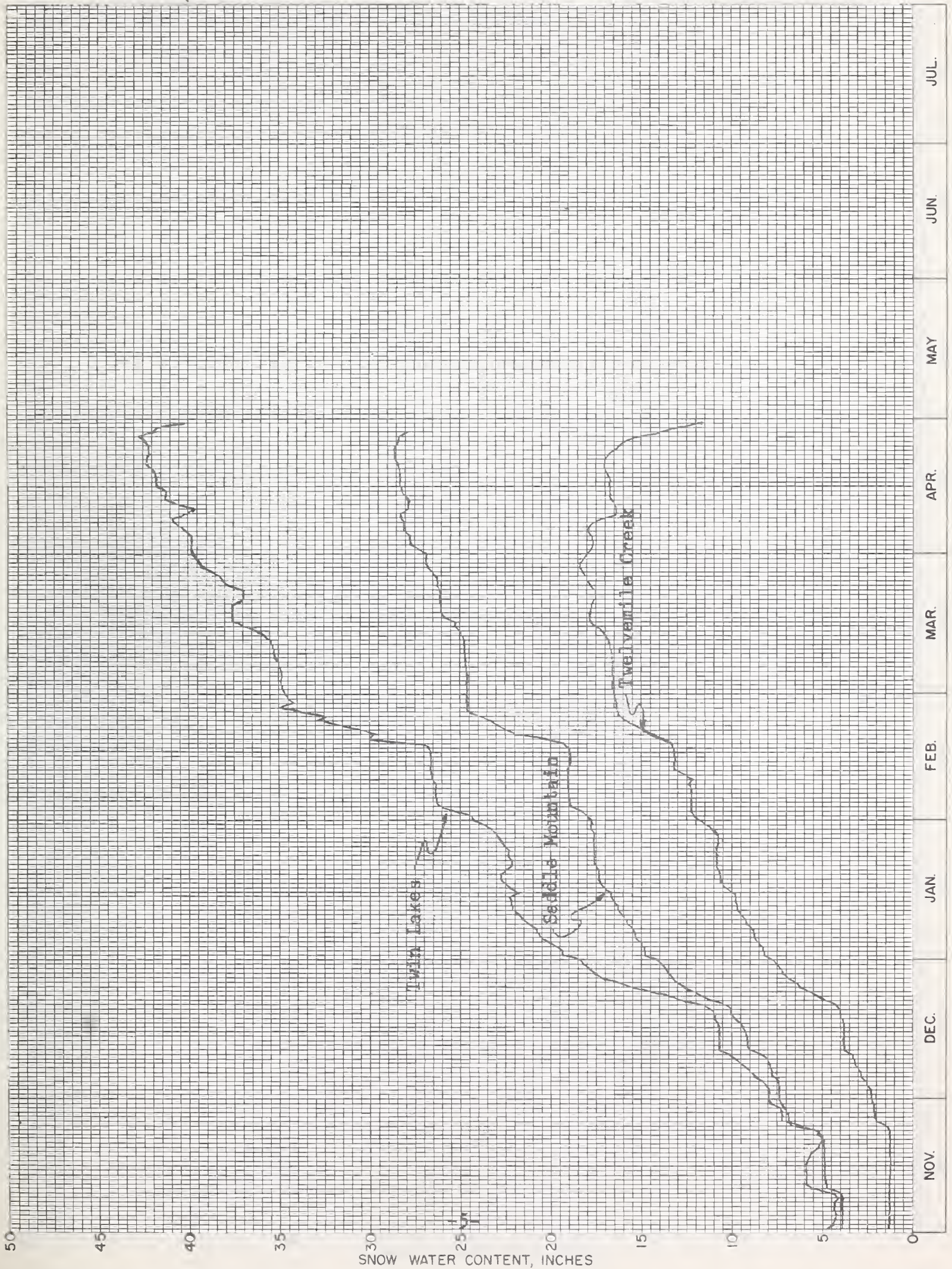
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SNOW PILLOW DATA
WATER YEAR 1968

No. 49 Elev. Drainage: BITTERROOT

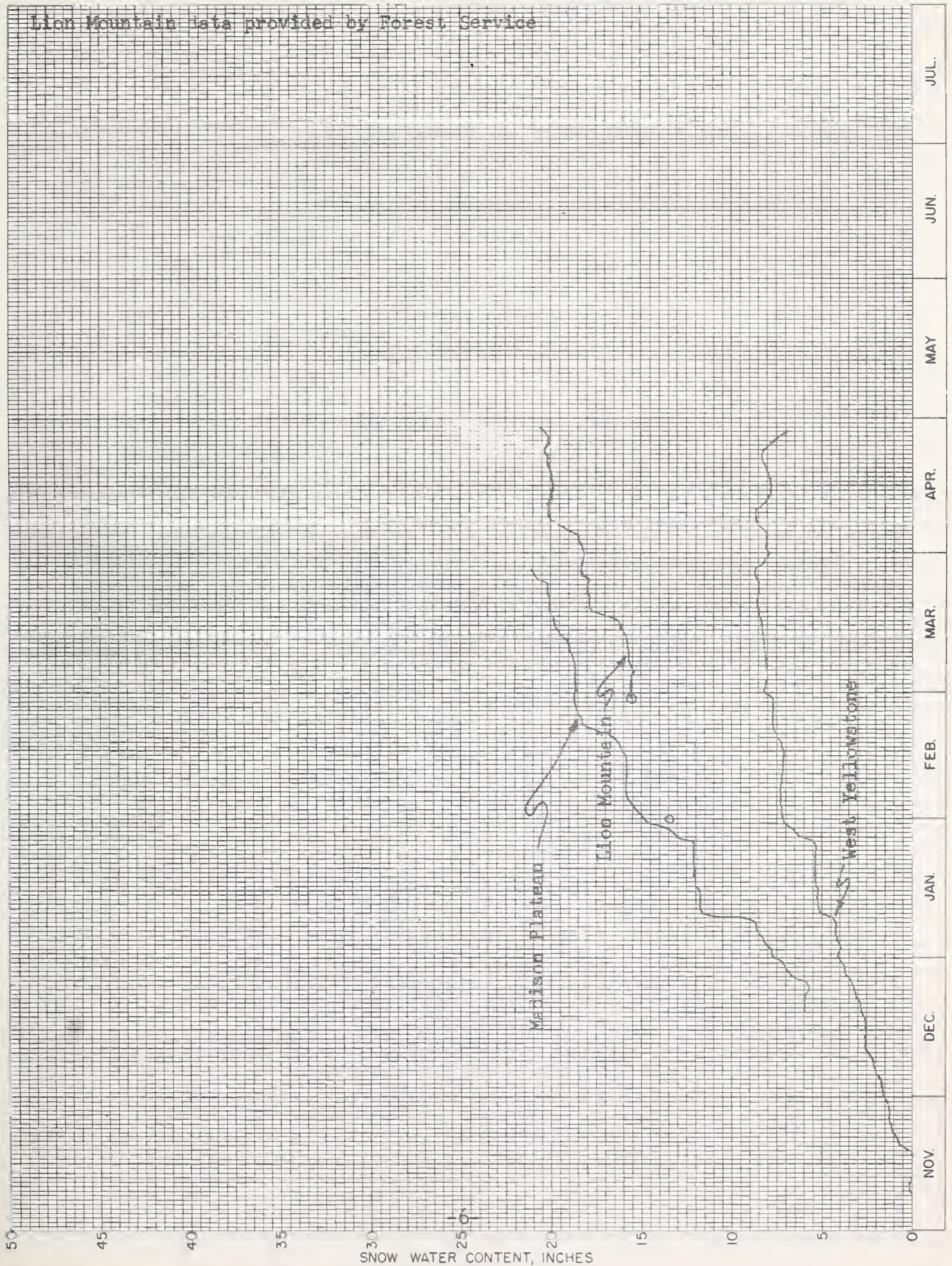




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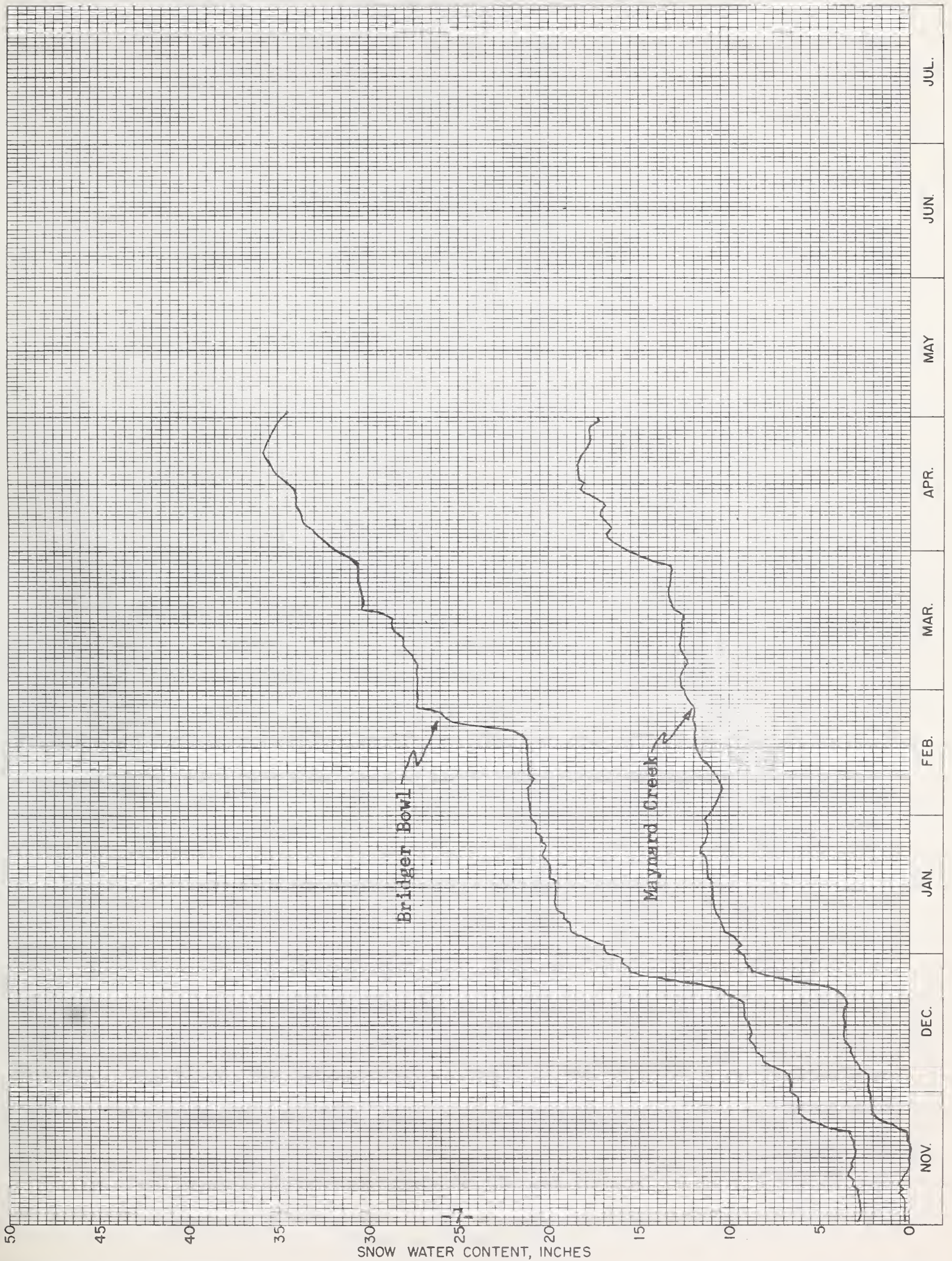
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SNOW PILLOW DATA
WATER YEAR 1968

No. _____ Elev. _____ Drainage: GALLATIN





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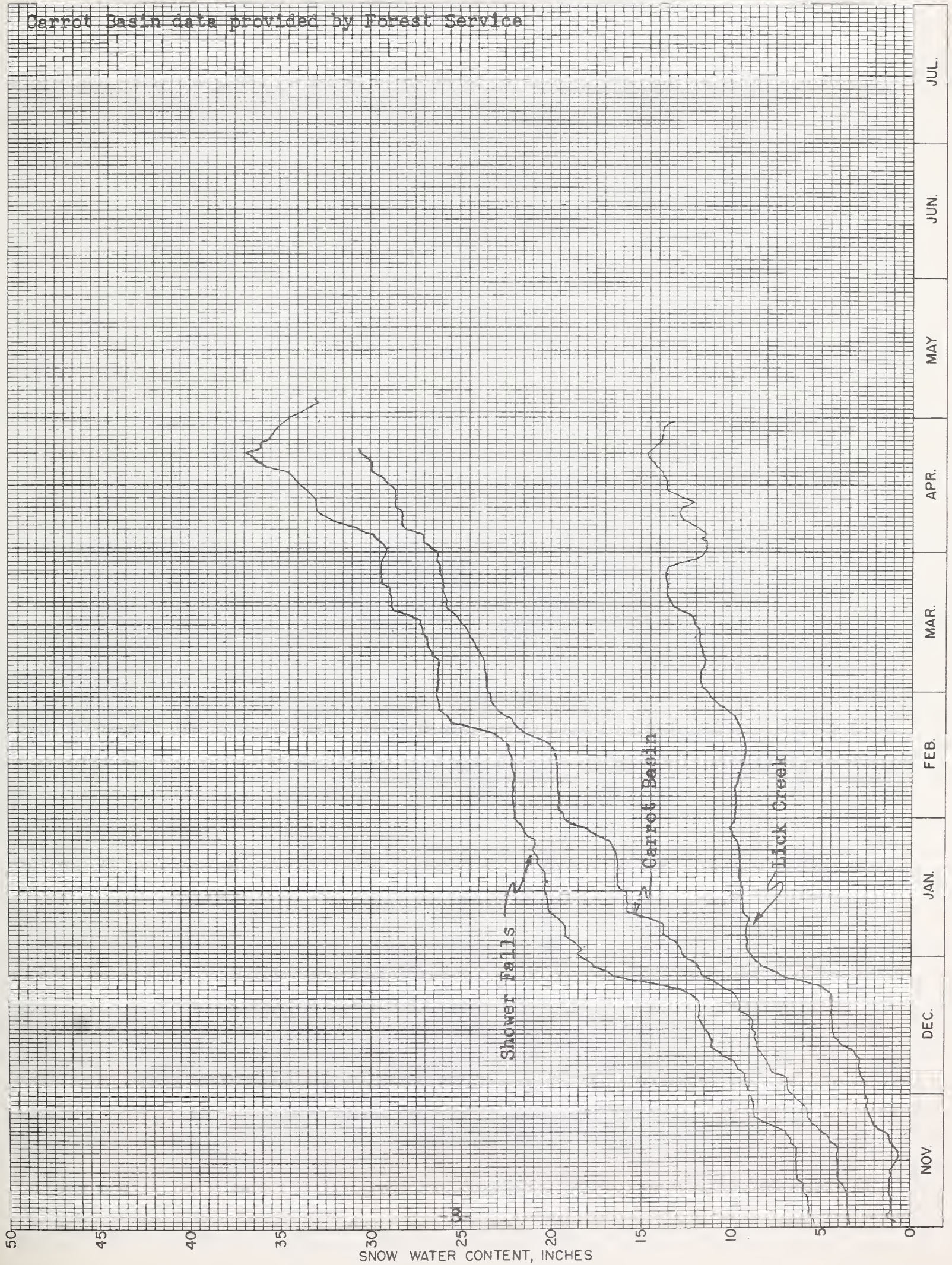
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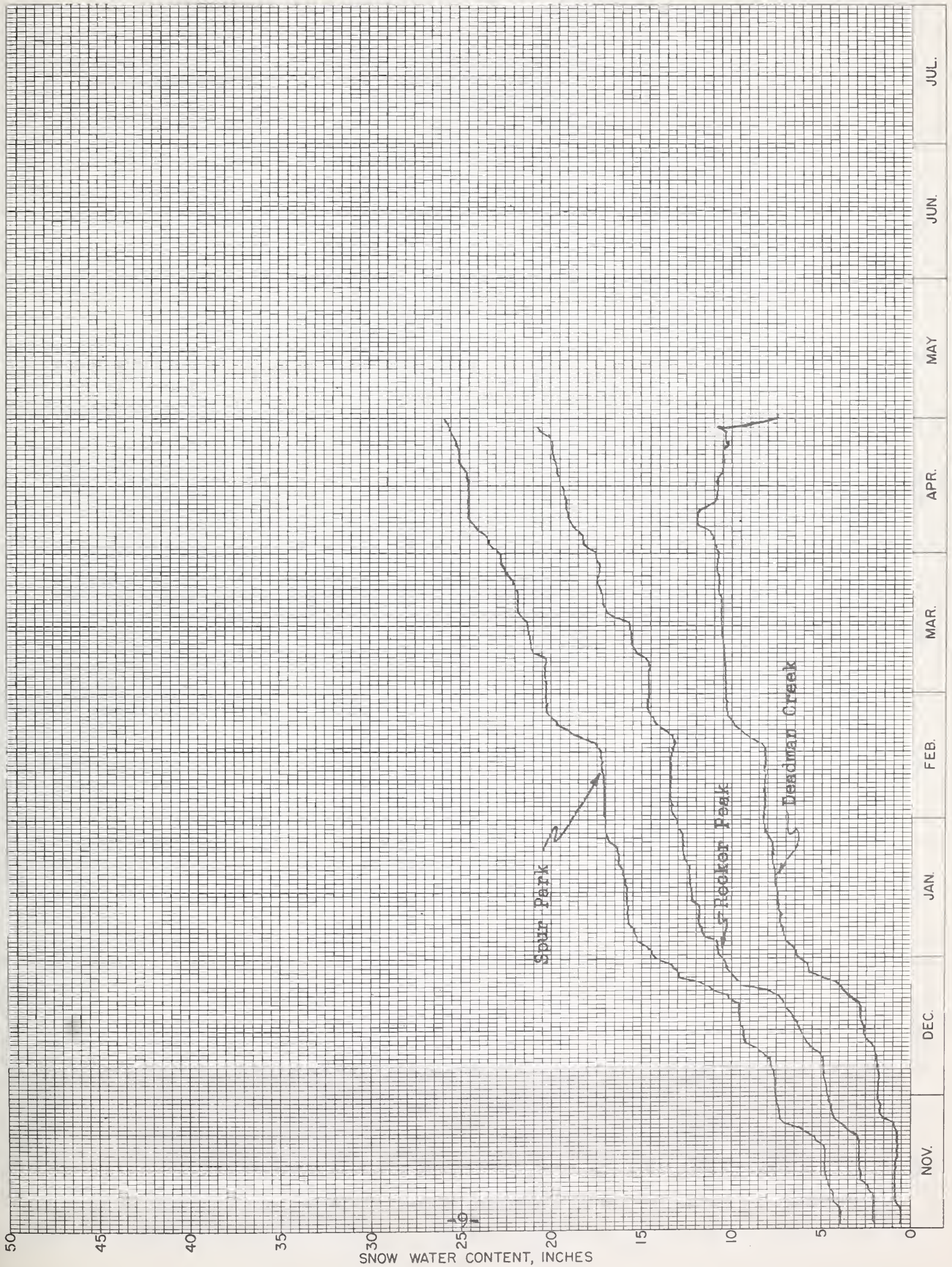
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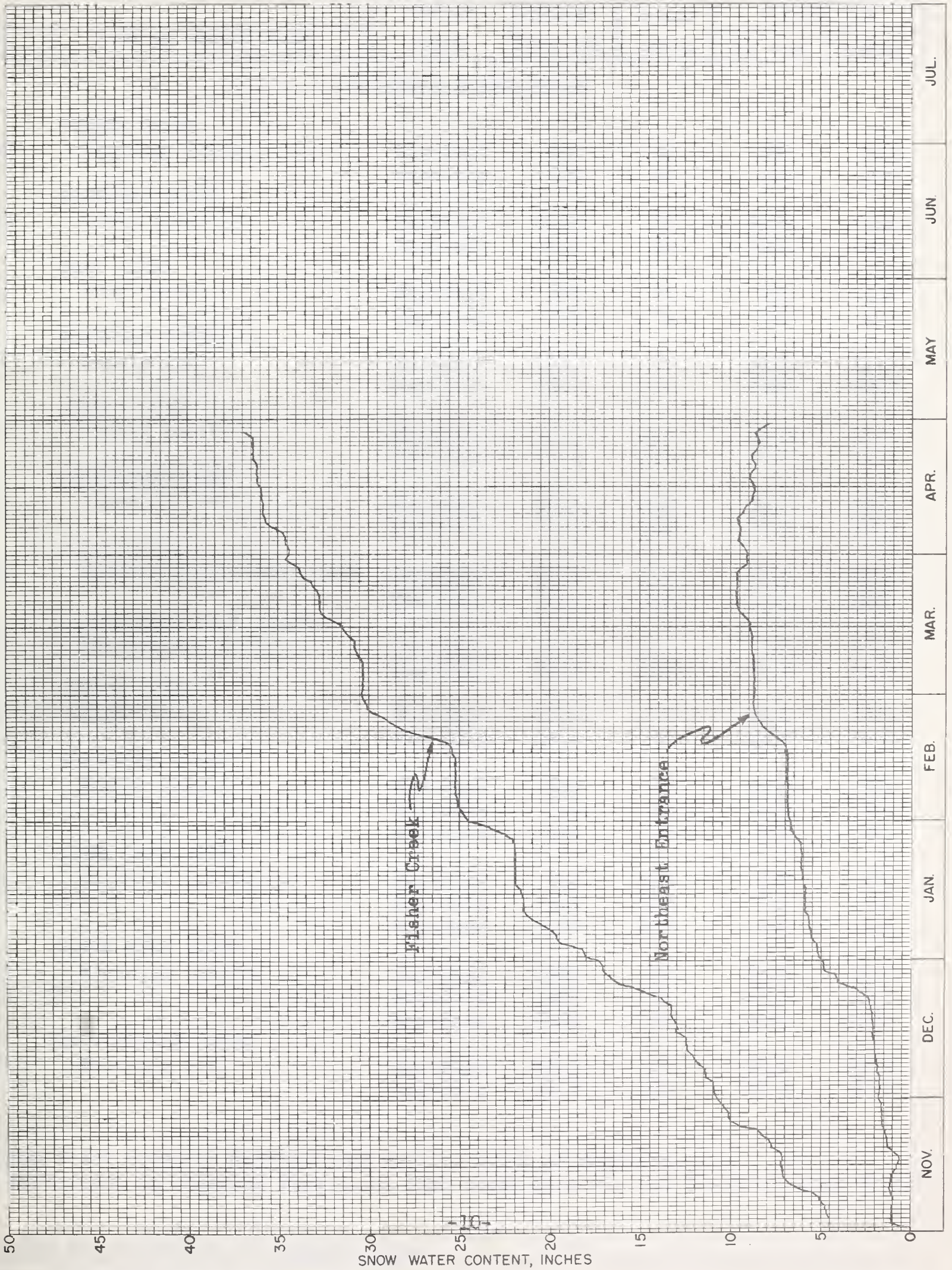
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WATER YEAR 1968

No. _____

Elev. _____

Drainage: _____

YELLOWSTONE





WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

				(1000 Acre Feet)		
NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST	PERCENT	MEASURED FLOW	
		PERIOD	THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN						
3020	FISHER CREEK Jennings (near)	May-Sept	140	63	282	223
		May-July	130	63	267	206
3030	KOOTENAI RIVER Libby (at)	May-Sept	6100	82	8675	7428
		May-July	5200	82	7694	6342
3045	YAAK RIVER Troy (near)	May-Sept	320	74	526	435
		May-July	305	74	505	413
3050	KOOTENAI RIVER Leonla (at)	May-Sept	6700	80	9606	8416
		May-July	5800	80	8589	7268
3235	GERMAN GULCH Ramsay (near)	May-Sept	13.0	116	18.3	11.2
		May-July	11.8	116	16.9	10.2
3241	RACETRACK CREEK Anaconda (near)	May-Sept	36.5	108	36.3	36.2
		May-July	30.2	108	29.5	28.9
3301	FLINT CREEK Boulder Creek (below)(3)	May-Sept	67.0	104	68.8	64.1
		May-July	52.4	104	53.3	50.2
3320	MIDDLE FORK ROCK CREEK Philipsburg (near)	May-Sept	79.0	107	77.2	73.6
		May-July	71.2	107	70.8	66.3
3355	NEVADA CREEK Finn (near)	May-Sept	17.0	97	25.0	17.5
		May-July	15.5	97	23.7	16.0
3400	BLACKFOOT RIVER Bonner (near)	May-Sept	840	92	1102	914
		May-July	750	92	1006	816
		May-June	635	92	850	690
3404	CLARK FORK RIVER Milltown (above)(4)	May-Sept	740	108	832	686
		May-July	635	108	744	589
		May-June	530	108	630	490
3405	CLARK FORK RIVER Missoula (above)	May-Sept	1580	99	1935	1600
		May-July	1385	99	1750	1405
		May-June	1165	99	1480	1180
3410	RATTLESNAKE CREEK Missoula (at)	May-Sept	62.0	100	66.3	61.8
		May-July	59.7	100	65.3	59.6

(3) Sum Flint Creek at Maxville and Boulder Creek at Maxville.

(4) Difference in observed flow Clark Fork above Missoula and Blackfoot near Bonner.

WATER SUPPLY FORECAST

FOR THE YEAR 1965

1965 Forecast		1964 Actual		1963 Actual		1962 Actual		1961 Actual		1960 Actual	
Month	Forecast	Month	Actual	Month	Actual	Month	Actual	Month	Actual	Month	Actual

(All figures in millions of gallons)

1965	Jan	1	10	1964	Jan	12	1963	Jan	15	1962	Jan	18	1961	Jan	20	1960	Jan	22
1965	Feb	2	12	1964	Feb	14	1963	Feb	16	1962	Feb	18	1961	Feb	20	1960	Feb	22
1965	Mar	3	15	1964	Mar	17	1963	Mar	19	1962	Mar	21	1961	Mar	23	1960	Mar	25
1965	Apr	4	18	1964	Apr	20	1963	Apr	22	1962	Apr	24	1961	Apr	26	1960	Apr	28
1965	May	5	20	1964	May	22	1963	May	24	1962	May	26	1961	May	28	1960	May	30
1965	Jun	6	22	1964	Jun	24	1963	Jun	26	1962	Jun	28	1961	Jun	30	1960	Jun	32
1965	Jul	7	25	1964	Jul	27	1963	Jul	29	1962	Jul	31	1961	Jul	33	1960	Jul	35
1965	Aug	8	28	1964	Aug	30	1963	Aug	32	1962	Aug	34	1961	Aug	36	1960	Aug	38
1965	Sep	9	30	1964	Sep	32	1963	Sep	34	1962	Sep	36	1961	Sep	38	1960	Sep	40
1965	Oct	10	32	1964	Oct	34	1963	Oct	36	1962	Oct	38	1961	Oct	40	1960	Oct	42
1965	Nov	11	35	1964	Nov	37	1963	Nov	39	1962	Nov	41	1961	Nov	43	1960	Nov	45
1965	Dec	12	38	1964	Dec	40	1963	Dec	42	1962	Dec	44	1961	Dec	46	1960	Dec	48
1965	Total	13	400	1964	Total	420	1963	Total	440	1962	Total	460	1961	Total	480	1960	Total	500

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(All figures in millions of gallons)

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

(1000 Acre Feet)

		FORECAST	FORECAST	PERCENT	MEASURED FLOW	
NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	PERIOD	THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
WEST FORK BITTERROOT RIVER						
3425	Conner (near)(5)	May-Sept	150	95	159	157
		May-July	139	95	150	146
EAST FORK BITTERROOT RIVER						
3434	Conner (near)	May-Sept	150	97	172	155
		May-July	135	97	160	140
BITTERROOT RIVER						
3440	Darby (near)	May-Sept	490	95	551	518
		May-July	455	95	516	478
		May-June	394	95	452	414
SKALKAHO CREEK						
3465	Hamilton (near)	May-Sept	51.0	89	56.7	57.4
		May-July	45.0	89	49.8	50.7
BLODGETT CREEK						
3475	Corvallis (near)	May-Sept	39.5	99	39.5	39.9
		May-July	37.6	99	38.0	37.9
BITTERROOT RIVER						
3528	Missoula (at)(6)	May-Sept	1260	91	1538	1384
		May-July	1160	91	1456	1277
		May-June	990	91	1259	1084
CLARK FORK RIVER						
3530	Missoula (below)	May-Sept	2840	95	3473	2984
		May-July	2545	95	3206	2681
		May-June	2155	95	2739	2263
ST. REGIS RIVER						
3540	St. Regis (near)	May-Sept	200	72	307	278
		May-July	188	72	292	261
CLARK FORK RIVER						
3545	St. Regis (at)	May-Sept	3600	89	4531	4036
		May-July	3130	89	4170	3624
		May-June	3730	89	3544	3066
NORTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER						
3555	Columbia Falls (near)	May-Sept	1400	76	2048	1833
		May-July	1250	76	1886	1650
		May-June	1040	76	1558	1371
MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD RIVER						
3585	West Glacier (near)	May-Sept	1480	85	2024	1736
		May-July	1360	85	1887	1598
		May-June	1130	85	1542	1334
SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER						
3625	Columbia Falls (near)(7)	May-Sept	1875	89	2478	2103
		May-July	1770	89	2361	1985
		May-June	1520	89	2042	1710

(5) Adjusted for storage in Painted Rocks Reservoir.

(6) Difference in observed flow Clark Fork above and below Missoula.

(7) Adjusted for storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

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NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	PERCENT AVERAGE	(1000 Acre Feet) MEASURED FLOW	
					LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
3630	FLATHEAD RIVER Columbia Falls (at)(7)	May-Sept	4850	83	6704	5820
		May-July	4450	83	6287	5351
		May-June	3740	83	5271	4507
3700	SWAN RIVER Big Fork (near)	May-Sept	520	87	628	599
		May-July	450	87	557	520
		May-June	355	87	431	408
3720	FLATHEAD RIVER Polson (near)(8)	May-Sept	5570	80	7721	6914
		May-July	5100	80	7288	6365
		May-June	4280	80	6111	5324
3890	CLARK FORK RIVER Plains (near)(8)	May-Sept	9370	83	12619	11286
		May-July	8500	83	11753	10230
		May-June	7100	83	9867	8570
3895	THOMPSON RIVER Thompson Falls (near)	May-Sept	170	68	298	249
		May-July	150	68	267	220
3907	PROSPECT CREEK Thompson Falls (at)	May-Sept	88.0	69		127
		May-July	81.0	69		117
3920	CLARK FORK RIVER Whitehorse Rapids (at)(9)	May-Sept	10220	81		12580
		May-July	9250	81		11369
		May-June	7700	81		9499

(7) Adjusted for storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir.

(8) Adjusted for storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake.

(9) Adjusted for storage in Hungry Horse, Flathead Lake and Noxon Rapids Reservoirs.

WATER BIRTH RECORD

No. 1000

Name of Mother	Name of Child	Date of Birth	Time of Birth	Place of Birth
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Sex	Weight	Length	Head	Chest	Arm	Leg	Foot

Remarks

Signature of Midwife

Signature of Doctor

Signature of Nurse

Signature of Mother

Signature of Child

This record is to be kept in the files of the hospital and is not to be removed without the permission of the attending physician.

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		FORECAST		PERCENT	(1000 Acre Feet)	
NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	PERIOD	THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	MEASURED FLOW	
					LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN						
0125	RED ROCK RIVER Monida (near)(11)	May-Sept	60.5	110	97.9	54.9
		May-July	55.3	110	88.1	50.2
0154	BEAVERHEAD RIVER Armstead (near)(11)(12)	May-Sept	70.5	94	121	75.0
		May-July	53.5	94	119	57.0
0195	RUBY RIVER Alder (near)	May-Sept	83.0	119	90.4	69.9
		May-July	67.2	119	77.1	56.7
0255	BIG HOLE RIVER Melrose (near)	May-Sept	680	109	898	625
		May-July	620	109	852	576
0260	BIRCH CREEK Glen (near)	May-Sept	13.1	113	18.1	11.6
		May-July	11.4	113	15.4	10.1
0330	BOULDER RIVER Boulder (near)	May-Sept	83.5	126	113	66.4
		May-July	79.5	126	95.3	63.2
0345	JEFFERSON RIVER Sappington (at)(12)	May-Sept	958	116	1222	824
		May-July	840	116	1168	725
0350	WILLOW CREEK Harrison (near)	May-Sept	16.5	139	28.2	11.9
		May-July	15.0	139	27.3	10.8
0375	MADISON RIVER West Yellowstone (near)	May-Sept	185	103	243	179
		May-July	133	103	183	129
0385	MADISON RIVER Grayling (near)(13)	May-Sept	405	111	544	364
		May-July	305	111	430	274
0410	MADISON RIVER McAllister (near)(14)	May-Sept	730	117	803	623
		May-July	563	117	557	481
0435	GALLATIN RIVER Gateway (near)	May-Sept	580	139	553	418
		May-July	490	139	475	353
0485	BRIDGER CREEK Bozeman (near)	May-Sept	27.4	166	29.2	16.5
		May-July	25.4	166	27.5	15.3

(11) Adjusted for storage in Lima Reservoir.

(12) Adjusted for storage in Clark Canyon Reservoir.

(13) Adjusted for storage in Hebgen Lake.

(14) Adjusted for storage in Hebgen and Ennis Lakes.

WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

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		(1000 Acre Feet)				
NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST	PERCENT	MEASURED FLOW	
		PERIOD	THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
0500	HYALITE CREEK Bozeman (near)(15)	May-Sept	49.5	152	43.8	32.6
		May-July	42.2	152	38.6	27.8
0525	GALLATIN RIVER Logan (at)	May-Sept	615	154	585	400
		May-July	508	154	519	330
0545	MISSOURI RIVER Toston (at)(16)	May-Sept	2200	121	2748	1816
		May-July	1850	121	2499	1530
0615	PRICKLY PEAR CREEK Clancy (near)	May-Sept	23.5	124		19.0
		May-July	20.1	124		16.2
0735	DEARBORN RIVER Craig (near)	May-Sept	110	89	202	124
		May-July	103	89	194	116
0770	SHEEP CREEK W. Sulphur Springs (near)	May-Sept	22.7	147	27.4	15.4
		May-July	19.4	149	24.0	13.2
0775	SMITH RIVER Eden (near)	May-Sept	235	175	333	134
		May-July	214	175	305	122
0786	SUN RIVER Gibson Dam (at)(17)	May-Sept	460	80	731	573
		May-July	418	80	680	522
0905	BELT CREEK Monarch (near)	May-Sept	130	150	161	86.7
		May-July	117	150	149	78.9
0908	MISSOURI RIVER Fort Benton (at)(18)	May-Sept	3360	117	4594	2861
		May-July	2780	117	4048	2367
0920	TWO MEDICINE CREEK Browning (near)(19)	May-Sept	190	79	312	241
		May-July	180	79	300	229
0925	BADGER CREEK Browning (near)	May-Sept	102	77	151	132
		May-July	86.3	77	133	112
0990	CUT BANK CREEK Cut Bank (at)	May-Sept	81.5	71		114
		May-July	73.6	71		103

(15) Adjusted for storage in Middle Creek Reservoir.

(16) Adjusted for storage in Hebgen and Ennis Lakes and Clark Canyon Reservoir.

(17) Adjusted for storage in Gibson Reservoir and diversions.

(18) Adjusted for storage in Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

(19) Adjusted for storage in Two Medicine Res. & diversions into Two Medicine Canal.

WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	PERCENT AVERAGE	(1000 Acre Feet) MEASURED FLOW	
					LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
0995	MARIAS RIVER Shelby (near)(20)	May-Sept May-July	432 406	77 77	757 749	564 530
1095	MISSOURI RIVER Virgelle (at)(21)	May-Sept May-July	3880 3270	109 109	5532 4692	3557 2999
1098	S. FORK JUDITH RIVER Utica (near)	May-Sept May-July	15.6 13.9	153 153	27.6 26.2	10.2 9.1
1150	MISSOURI RIVER Zortman (near)(21)	May-Sept May-July	4260 3560	109 109	6162 5244	3885 3254
1155	N. FORK MUSSELSHELL RIVER Delpine (near)	May-Sept May-July	6.4 5.1	128 128	9.5 8.2	5.0 4.0
1185	S. FORK MUSSELSHELL RIVER Martinsdale (above)	May-Sept May-July	55.0 52.3	128 128	84.8 81.7	42.8 40.7
1320	MISSOURI RIVER Ft. Peck Dam (below)(22)	May-Sept May-July	3960 3400	106 106	6109 5276	3728 3200
1350	MILK RIVER Eastern Crossing (at)	May-Sept	190	92	281	206
1770	MISSOURI RIVER Wolf Point (near)(22)	May-Sept May-July	4050 3470	103 103	6446 5641	3942 3380
3300	MISSOURI RIVER Williston, N.D. (near)(29)	May-Sept May-July	9800 8500	105 105		9299 8068

SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BASIN

0175	ST. MARY RIVER Babb (near)(30)	May-Sept May-July	420 360	90 90	521 460	468 401
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- (20) Adjusted for storage in Two Medicine, Four Horns, Lake Frances & Swift Reservoirs.
 (21) Adjusted for storage in Canyon Ferry and Tiber Reservoirs.
 (22) Adjusted for storage in Canyon Ferry, Tiber and Fort Peck Reservoirs.
 (29) Adjusted for storage in Canyon Ferry, Tiber, Fort Peck, Buffalo Bill, Boysen and Yellowtail Reservoirs.
 (30) Adjusted for storage in Lake Sherburne.

WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	PERCENT AVERAGE	MEASURED FLOW	
					LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE

YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN

YELLOWSTONE RIVER						
1915	Corwin Springs (at)	May-Sept	1820	101	2309	1792
		May-July	1500	101	1942	1487
YELLOWSTONE RIVER						
1925	Livingston (near)	May-Sept	2100	104		2019
		May-July	1730	104		1662
SHIELDS RIVER						
1935	Clyde Park (at)	May-Sept	110	134	128	82.1
		May-July	101	134	121	75.3
BOULDER RIVER						
2000	Big Timber (at)	May-Sept	395	120	456	330
		May-July	370	120	433	309
STILLWATER RIVER						
2050	Absarokee (near)(25)	May-Sept	590	111	793	531
		May-July	495	111	688	444
CLARKS FORK RIVER						
2075	Chance (at)	May-Sept	600	107	771	560
		May-July	540	107	693	504
CLARKS FORK RIVER						
2085	Edgar (at)	May-Sept	610	104	816	578
		May-July	527	104	736	507
ROCK CREEK						
2095	Red Lodge (near)	May-Sept	113	112	135	101
		May-July	86.4	112	104	77.2
YELLOWSTONE RIVER						
2145	Billings (at)	May-Sept	4080	111	5416	3675
		May-July	3470	111	4756	3124
BIG HORN RIVER						
2870	St. Xavier (near)(26)	May-Sept	1350	88		1532
		May-July	1240	88		1422
LITTLE BIG HORN RIVER						
2920	Lodgegrass (near)(28)	May-Sept	115	131		
		May-July	99	131		
YELLOWSTONE RIVER						
3090	Miles City (at)(27)	May-Sept	5600	105	8697	5307
		May-July	4850	105	7786	4609
YELLOWSTONE RIVER						
3295	Sidney (near)(27)	May-Sept	5580	106	9236	5245
		May-July	4920	106	8317	4625

(25) Adjusted for storage in Mystic Lake.

(26) Adjusted for storage in Buffalo Bill, Boysen, Bull Lake and Yellowtail Reservoirs.

(27) Adjusted for storage in Buffalo Bill, Boysen and Yellowtail Reservoirs.

(28) Sum Little Big Horn below Pass Creek and Lodgegrass Creek near Wyola.

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD (Inches)	
			DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

KOOTENAI RIVER

L5B11	Baree Creek	5500	5/1	92	40.4	65.6	49.1
L5B16	Baree Midway	4600	5/1	63	27.2	51.2	-
L5B15	Baree Trail	3800	5/1	0	0.0	4.2	-
L4A04	Brush Creek	5000	5/1	20	8.3	15.0	10.7*
3C 10	Fernie	3500	4/29	0	0.0	6.3	2.8
3C 12A	Field	4200	4/27	11	3.6	5.9	0.6*
3C 11	Glacier	4100	4/27	77	32.5	45.2	25.9
L4A11	Graves Creek	4300	4/30	33	12.3	24.2	-
3C 43	Gray Creek	5100	4/27	64	20.3	27.5	20.2
3C 33	Kicking Horse	5400	4/27	52	15.4	21.3	12.2
3C 20B	Kimberley	3800	4/27	0	0.0	1.9	1.2*
3C 32	Marble Canyon	5000	5/1	42	11.3	18.1	13.4
3C 10B	Morrissey Ridge	6100	4/30	67	27.2	39.0	-
3C 10A	New Fernie	4100	4/29	22	8.0	18.0	6.0*
L5A01	Red Mountain	6000	4/29	48	18.4	27.4	20.9
3C 8A	Sinclair Pass	4500	4/27	19	6.0	7.0	2.2*
3C 20A	Sullivan Mine	5100	4/30	34	11.1	19.8	12.5
3C 41	Upper Elk River	4400	4/28	0	0.0	4.1	2.5*
L4A07	Weasel Divide	5450	4/30	85	32.9	50.8	35.7

PLATHEAD RIVER

4B03	Bassoo Peak	5150	4/29	16	6.2	13.8	9.7*
3A11	Beaver Lake	5900	4/29	55	21.8	36.4	24.5*
3B03	Big Creek	6750	4/30	111	47.6	61.4	50.5*
3A17	Camp Misery	6400	5/2	116	43.9	66.1	52.0*
3A02	Desert Mountain	5600	5/3	28	12.3	19.7	14.6
3B04	Fatty Creek	5500	4/30	54	22.2	33.7	22.5*
4A09	Griffin Creek Divide	5150	4/29	17	6.4	15.8	9.8*
3B12	Gunsight Lake	6300	4/30	94	41.3	58.5	44.0*
4A03	Hell Roaring Divide	5770	5/3	60	26.0	45.4	31.5
3B13	Holbrook	4530	4/30	0	0.0	9.8	1.4*
4A05	Logan Creek	4300	5/1	0	0.0	8.4	3.4*
3A05	Marias Pass	5250	4/25	33	13.2	25.9	18.0
3A16	Mineral Creek	4000	5/1	14	7.1	25.2	17.7*
3B07	North Fork Jocko	6330	5/1	101	43.8	59.0	48.0*
3B02	Spotted Bear Mountain	7000	4/30	23	9.4	21.6	12.4*
3B01	Trinkus Lake	6100	4/30	97	45.4	61.8	45.4*
13B11	Twin Creeks	3580	4/30	0	0.0	7.2	1.4*
13B05	Upper Holland Lake	6200	4/30	92	39.1	50.6	39.0*

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			DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

BEAVERHEAD RIVER

13D10	Bloody Dick	7600	5/2	28	9.4	16.0	12.0*
13E22	Dad Creek Lake	8400				18.6	14.5*
13D15	Elk Horn Springs	7800	4/30	30	8.7	11.4	8.4*
13D09	Gold Stone	8100	5/2	43	15.6	22.0	17.0*
11E04	Lakeview Canyon	6930	5/3	31	12.3	19.6	9.5*
11E03	Lakeview Ridge	7400	5/3	24	9.4	18.8	7.3*
12E01	White Pine Ridge	8850				7.5	7.2*

RUBY RIVER

11D14	Branham Lakes	8850	4/26	95	35.8	34.5	-
11D08	Clover Meadow	8600				23.6	17.3*
12E07	Divide	7900				14.2	9.4*
11D15	Middle Mill Creek	7850	4/26	51	18.4	17.0	-
12E06	Notch	8500				20.5	15.0*
12D05	Smuggler Mine	6960	4/26	32	11.0	11.0	-

BIG HOLE RIVER

13D20	Abundance Lake	8800				24.3	23.6*
13D19	Darkhorse Lake	8600				32.4	28.4*
13D21	Foolhen	8280				23.9	20.8*
13D08	Jahnke Creek	7340	5/2	13	4.1	12.4	-
13D24	Slag-A-Melt Lake	8750				-	-

JEFFERSON RIVER

12C07	Berry Meadow	7300	4/29	27	8.6	14.2	6.7*
12C09	Copper Mountain	7700	4/30	42	14.3	18.6	-
12D01	Pipestone Pass	7200	4/30	17	4.8	13.8	4.4
12C11	Rocker Peak	8000	4/29	56	20.2	-	-
12C11	Rocker Peak Pillow	8000	4/29	SP	20.7	-	-

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SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
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NO.	NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

MADISON RIVER

11E09	Big Springs	6500	4/30	27	12.7	25.5	-
11D07	Call Road	8050				16.0	12.0*
11D12	Four Mile	6900	5/1	19	7.4	11.3	7.5*
11E05	Hebgen Dam	6550	4/27	24	10.4	11.5	4.8
11E10	Island Park	6315	4/30	14	5.5	17.3	-
11E22	Lake Creek	6100	4/24	16	5.6	6.4	-
11E28	Lion Mountain	8760	Not Measured			24.0	-
11E28	Lion Mountain Pillow	8760	4/28	SP	20.5	21.5	-
11D11	Lower Twin	7900	5/1	62	25.6	26.8	22.5*
11E31	Madison Plateau	7750	4/29	46	18.0	-	-
11E31	Madison Plateau Pillow	7750	4/29	SP	23.8	-	-
11E23	Meridian Creek	7000	4/26	31	9.5	12.2	-
10E02	Norris Basin	7500	4/30	25	10.7	14.7	5.5*
11D03	North Meadow	7500	5/1	31	9.8	14.0	-
11E21	Potomageton Park	7150	4/30	24	10.7	17.2	-
11E20	Sentinel Creek	8300	4/30	66	27.7	33.8	-
11E24	Tepee Creek	8000	4/26	49	17.7	21.9	-
11E08	Valley View	6500	4/30	28	12.1	25.6	-
11E07	West Yellowstone	6700	4/28	17	7.0	15.6	5.6
11E07	West Yellowstone Pillow	6700	4/28	SP	6.7	13.4	-
11E30	Whiskey Creek	6800	4/29	36	17.2	26.2	-

GALLATIN RIVER

10D14	Arch Falls	7350	4/30	54	20.3	18.7	12.0*
11D09	Bear Basin	8150	4/29	73	30.2	27.4	22.6*
10D15	Bridger Bowl	7250	5/1	94	41.2	37.2	27.5*
10D15	Bridger Bowl Pillow	7250	5/1	SP	34.5	35.8	-
11E29	Carrot Basin	9000	4/25	100	41.5	51.8	-
11E29	Carrot Basin Pillow	9000	4/25	SP	30.8	-	-
10D04	Devil's Slide	8100	4/30	88	35.2	30.2	24.9
10D03	Hood Meadow	6600	5/1	32	12.3	13.4	6.6
10D13	Lick Creek	6860	4/30	39	14.2	13.5	-
10D13	Lick Creek Pillow	6860	4/30	SP	13.3	14.9	-
11D10	Little Park	7400	4/29	58	22.8	20.8	16.0*
10D18	Maynard Creek	6210	5/1	58	25.5	20.2	-
10D18	Maynard Creek Pillow	6210	5/1	SP	18.1	15.9	-
10D16	Shower Falls	8100	4/30	92	38.5	33.2	-
10D16	Shower Falls Pillow	8100	4/30	SP	32.7	31.2	-
11E06	Twenty-One Mile	7150	4/28	44	17.4	25.6	14.9

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*ADJUSTED AVERAGE

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

(Inches)

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

MISSOURI RIVER (Main Stem)

11C01	Boulder Mountain	7950	4/29	61	22.2	29.3	16.1*
12C05	Chessman Reservoir	6200	5/1	8	2.7	7.8	2.9
10C09	Deadman Creek	6450	5/1	22	8.4	18.8	-
10C09	Deadman Creek Pillow	6450	5/1	SP	7.4	-	-
10C07	Elk Peak	8000	4/30	54	20.4	28.7	16.5*
10C02	Grasshopper	7000	4/30	20	6.6	11.1	6.0*
10C01	Kings Hill	7500	4/29	49	17.4	22.9	13.8
9A01	Rocky Boy	5200	4/30	0	0.0	-	-
9A01	Rocky Boy Pillow	5200	4/30	SP	0.0	-	-
12C01	Stemple Pass	6600	4/29	34	10.4	16.0	9.8
12C02	Ten Mile Lower	6600	5/1	14	4.5	11.2	4.1
12C03	Ten Mile Middle	6800	4/30	37	12.2	16.4	9.9
12C04	Ten Mile Upper	8000	4/30	48	16.8	19.9	14.2

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVERS

13A15	Badger Pass	6900	4/30	100	45.1	50.4	40.0*
12B06	Cabin Creek	5200	4/29	2	0.9	13.6	1.0*
12B09	Five-Bull	5700	4/30	0	0.0	13.8	6.0*
12A01	Freight Creek	6000	4/30	25	9.5	26.2	17.8*
12B07	Goat Mountain	7000	4/30	25	8.0	17.4	10.3*
12B04	Wrong Creek	5700	4/30	17	7.4	20.9	12.2*
12B03	Wrong Ridge	6800	5/1	41	14.7	30.1	23.6*

JUDITH RIVER

9C02	Avalanche	7100	5/1	76	32.6	33.6	-
9C01	Crystal Lake	6100	5/1	40	16.4	21.4	-
9C03	Rock Creek	5600	5/1	22	9.4	13.9	-
10C06	Spur Park	8000	5/1	61	23.4	36.3	20.0*
10C06	Spur Park Pillow	8000	5/1	SP	24.4	34.6	-

ST. MARY RIVER

13A18	Hudson Bay Divide	5800	4/29	48	19.4	29.4	21.0*
13A03	Iceberg Lake No. 3	5600	5/1	59	30.3	51.0	29.6
13A14	Josephine Lower No. 9	4900	4/30	28	11.9	32.8	17.9*
13A07	Mt. Allen No. 7	5700	4/30	98	46.7	72.9	49.2
13A06	Piegan Pass No. 6	5500	4/30	77	36.9	59.4	41.3
13A08	Ptarmigan No. 8	5800	5/1	86	39.6	59.8	40.3

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SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD (inches)	
			DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER

10C05	Bald Ridge	7500	5/2	40	14.9	17.7	12.5*
9D01	Camp Senia	7890	4/26	41	10.7	11.2	9.3*
10E03	Canyon	7750	4/29	42	14.5	24.1	13.5*
9D07	Cooke Station	8150	4/28	56	20.6	28.6	-
10E06	East Entrance	7000	5/1	0	0.0	5.0	3.6*
9D06	Fisher Creek	9100	4/28	96	40.6	54.9	-
9D06	Fisher Creek Pillow	9100	4/28	SP	37.0	52.3	-
9D05	Grizzly Peak	8400	4/30	79	23.6	22.8	18.2*
10D06	Independence	7850	5/3	43	18.4	26.7	19.0*
10E04	Lake Camp	7850	4/30	23	6.5	13.5	7.2*
9E01	Lodgepole	8200	4/30	35	11.2	16.7	10.7*
10E06	Lupine Creek	7300	4/28	36	12.7	16.6	7.7*
10D12	Monument Peak	8800	5/3	75	32.2	37.8	26.4*
10D07	Northeast Entrance	7400	4/30	21	7.4	13.2	6.2
10D07	Northeast Entrance Pillow	7350	4/30	SP	7.9	12.4	-
10C03	Porcupine R. S.	6500	5/2	29	9.8	11.3	-
10D10	Sacajawea	6550	5/1	38	16.9	17.9	12.0*
10C08	South Fork Shields	8100	5/2	73	29.4	33.6	-
10E05	Sylvan Pass	7100	5/1	24	9.1	17.0	10.6*
9D04	Timberline Creek	8850	4/26	63	20.0	23.8	16.7*
9D08	White Mill	8700	4/28	74	29.9	40.2	-

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SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF MAY 1, 1968

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Kootenai

15B15M	Baree Trail	3800	48	7.5	5/1	6.4	6.6	-
14A10M	Murphy Lake R. S.	3000	48	22.6	5/1	20.1	22.5	-
15A02M	Raven R. S.	3050	48	23.0	5/1	21.7	22.2	-

Flathead

13A02M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	5/3	9.7	8.2	8.4
13A05M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	5/1	5.9	5.8	6.0

Clark Fork

13C13M	Black Pine	7100	48	10.0	4/30	7.6	7.2	-
13B19M	Seeley Lake R. S.	4030	48	11.9			11.8	-
13C03M	Skalkaho Summit	7260	48	10.8	5/2	9.7	9.9	-

Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	4/29	6.0	4.9	6.3
14C05M	Lolo Pass	5250	48	10.6	5/2	10.1	3.8	-

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	5/1	13.9	9.6	14.1
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Madison

10D04M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	5/2	2.2	2.2	2.5
11E07M	West Yellowstone	6700	48	6.5	4/28	2.9	3.6	-

Gallatin

10D15M	Bridger Bowl	7250	48	17.0	5/1	16.0	15.9	-
11D02M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	5/3	12.8	14.9	12.5
10D13M	Lick Creek	6860	48	18.8	5/1	18.2	18.9	-
11E06M	Twenty-One Mile	7150	48	10.0	4/28	4.5	2.9	-

Missouri Main Stem

10C01M	Kings Hill	7420	48	11.8	5/1	6.9	4.7	-
13C08M	Stemple Pass	6350	48	5.9	4/29	5.3	4.2	-

Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	17.6	5/1	14.8	15.0	15.4
10D07M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	4/30	6.4	7.4	-

**AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF APRIL 30, 1968

(1000 Acre Feet)

		USEABLE STORAGE				
BASIN	RESERVOIR	USEABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	
COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN						
Flathead	Hungry Horse	3,428.0	2,304.0	1,333.0	2,097.0**	
	Flathead Lake	1,791.0	707.4	816.1	968.0	
	Camas (Sum of 4)	45.2	27.6	31.0	38.1	
	Mission Valley (Sum of 8)	100.3	44.6	25.6	45.1	
Clark Fork	Georgetown Lake	31.0	23.8	18.9	21.2	
	Noxon Rapids	334.6	101.1	39.7	-	
Bitterroot	Como	34.9	22.1	10.7	17.9	
	Painted Rocks	31.7	26.1	16.5	22.0**	
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN						
Beaverhead	Clark Canyon	328.9	157.6	120.1	-	
	Lima	84.0	57.6	25.4	48.3	
Ruby	Ruby	38.8		35.1	31.7**	
Madison	Hebgen Lake	377.5	242.5	221.4	174.8	
	Ennis Lake	41.0	38.7	38.7	34.9	
Gallatin	Middle Creek	8.0	3.5	3.9	4.6**	
Missouri	Canyon Ferry	2,043.0	1,345.0	1,026.0	1,577.4**	
	Hauser & Helena	61.9	62.5	61.3	49.9	
	Lake Helena	10.4	10.7	10.2	6.6	
	Holter Lake	81.9	79.4	53.4	61.8	
	Smith River	10.7	11.4	7.5	8.1**	
	Ackley Lake	5.8			3.6	
	Durand	7.0	7.0	5.8	5.9	
	Martinsdale	23.1	10.3	9.2	10.6	
	Deadman's Basin	72.2	58.2	55.9	45.1**	
	Fort Peck	19,410.0	16,410.0	15,860.0	11,128.6	
	Sun	Gibson	105.0	35.9	29.0	65.7
		Willow Creek	32.3	19.4	17.2	23.4
Pishkun		32.0	26.1	15.7	22.5	
Marias	Lower Two Medicine				1.4	
	Four Horns	19.2		11.8	10.9	
	Swift	30.0	17.0	-	26.7	
	Lake Frances	112.0	73.2	76.4	96.0	
	Tiber	1,347.0	429.8	436.0	656.3**	
Milk	Fresno	127.2	100.6	125.8	108.1	
	Nelson	66.8	49.4	58.0	39.8	
	Lake Sherburne	66.1	11.5	24.9	24.8	
Yellowstone	Mystic Lake	20.8	2.8	4.6	2.8	
	Tongue River	68.0		40.7	20.0	
	Cooney	27.5	15.4	15.8	15.0**	
Big Horn	Yellowtail	1,356.0	721.2	706.8	-	

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1948-1962 (15 YEAR PERIOD). **AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

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